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Title: CONTROLLED RELEASE COMPOSITE

The prior application is assigned of record to Wright Medical Technology, Inc., a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on September 26, 2000 at 011166/0378.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

| | <u>Pages</u> |
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- Serial Number Postcard for return (1);
- Information Disclosure Statement, (1 page) and Form PTO-1449 (1 page) listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials; and
- Preliminary amendment, 4 pages.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/999,253, filed November 1, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/241,703, filed on February 2, 1999, now abandoned. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.



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